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The Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe is in the process of reviewing U.S. domestic compliance with Basket II provisions of the Helsinki Final Act as well as Soviet compliance.

Basket II provisions encroach into a broad range of economic and trade issues applicable to our relations with the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe. Christopher Brescia and Sam Wise of the Commission staff would like to have the opportunity to discuss a variety of issues with [redacted], since our principle focus will also be on Polish-U.S. and Polish-USSR trade relations.

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The subject areas we would like to discuss and would welcome comment on include:

- Export controls, the need for such controls and the effectiveness with respect to transshipment to the Soviet Union through Eastern Europe, especially Poland;
- Define the trade relationship between the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe;
- Has the Soviet Union milked the Polish economy and directed the development of the economy into its current state of indebtedness?;

Polish What are the precise reasons for imposition of export controls and does this policy coincide with our commitments under Helsinki?

The United States has been accused repeatedly, in multilateral fora, of imposing barriers to the development of increased economic cooperation, and for contributing to the demise of the Polish economy. Our intention is to respond to these accusations, but more importantly to design strong argumentation that U.S. action, while on the surface may not appear to be consistent with the letter of Helsinki, is essential for national security reasons and that additional circumstances require this action.

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Your assistance in facilitating an opportunity for members of my staff to talk with the above mentioned individuals would greatly benefit our research effort.

Sincerely,

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*Polish-US trade : Commerce-
Export controls : Commerce or Tech transfer
Trade reship : need SOA analyst
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